

KEPONE TASK FORCE
Third Floor Conference Room
First Meeting - 3/11/76

Today, Dr. Solomon's Task Force on Kepone held its first formal meeting, with Donald H. Noren, Director of the Environmental Health Administration presiding.

Mr. Noren assigned the following sub-tasks:

Medical officials will continue to monitor Allied Chemical employees and will expand their investigation of health effects to include persons living adjacent to the plant.

Environmental Health Administration engineers in cooperation with technical people from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Baltimore City Health Department, the State Highway Administration, and the Department of Natural Resources will take additional samples of soil in and around the plant to determine the extent and concentration of contamination. They will also develop a plan for the safe disposal of remaining wastes at the plant.

Air quality engineers will take additional air samples around the plant to determine if there is any residual kepone being emitted even though the processing of kepone ceased at the plant in October, 1975.

The Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with other State and Federal agencies, will sample and have analyzed sediment and water near the plant.

All available laboratories, experienced in this intricate chemical analytical process, will be utilized, including the State Laboratory system, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency Laboratory in Annapolis and the Federal Food and Drug Administration Laboratory in Baltimore.

Environmental Health Administration personnel will take samples of finfish and shellfish for analysis.

Mr. Noren said that these studies are critical and essential to the well-being of Maryland citizens, and he directed that reports on sub-tasks be made to him in an expeditious manner, so that he can report and make recommendations to Dr. Solomon.

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